

(c) why there are no domestic flights from Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata to Gaya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Gaya airport has been developed for operation of AB-320 type of aircrafts. A new Integrated Terminal Building with all modern amenities and of international standard has been constructed to accommodate 500 passengers. The work of expansion of apron and isolation bay is nearing completion.

(b) Selection of routes for operation of flights is decided by the airlines. So far no airlines has indicated its intention for international operations from Gaya to Tokyo, Seoul and Beijing.

(c) The Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places including Gaya depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. However, Indian Airlines (INDIAN) currently links Gaya with Kolkata on a once weekly basis, on the domestic leg of its Kolkata-Gaya-Yangon v. v. service.

New private sector Airports in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh

745. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more new airports in the private sector in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any proposal is pending in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There is no specific proposal with the Government for setting up new airports in the private sector in the States of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.